

WINGSPREAD

Rambler 120 Team Challenge registration deadline today

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
Wingspread editor

As of Wednesday, many teams are registered and ready to compete in the Rambler 120 Team Challenge, set to take place Oct. 7 at Canyon Lake.

With today as the last official day to turn in team registration forms, those teams making their final drafts and cuts must act quickly and head to the fitness center with their team information and money in hand.

"We're coming down to the wire, so I encourage those who are interested in competing to make sure to turn in their information to the fitness center by close of business today," said Sharon Rector, 12th Services Division community support flight program manager. "We hope to have as many teams from across the base as possible. It should be a fun time for everyone who can make it out."

The Rambler 120 Team Challenge, first introduced to the base in July, consists of a 22-mile bike ride, six-mile run and two-mile raft race, followed by a mystery challenge to be announced the day of the race.

People can compete in either a five to eight-person relay team or four-person

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extreme team. Teams choosing to compete in a relay format must still have four people on the course at all times within 50 yards of one another.

Kenneth O'Neal of the 12th Services Division said he plans to compete on a four-person extreme team.

"My teammates and I have been training individually – three of us five to six days a week," he said. "Throughout the week we've been doing distance work one day (running or cycling), interval training, short-fast runs and on Saturday or Sunday

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Proper honors



Members of the Randolph Honor Guard stand in formation at the base Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Day ceremony Sept. 18. During the ceremony, the Airmen performed a traditional rifle salute. (Photo by Rich McFadden)

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Base holds reception to welcome honorary commanders

By Capt. Heather Kekic
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The ninth annual honorary commander's induction ceremony was held Tuesday evening at the Randolph Officers' Club. Eleven new honorary commanders were inducted into the program and an additional 25 were recognized for continuing their commitment to serve as honorary commanders.

The purpose of the program is for community leaders to gain insight and experience by working with Air Force commanders.

"It helps them become better informed on Air Force issues," said Ms. Susan Gandy, 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs, Chief of Community Relations. "It's also an opportunity to show them how the Randolph mission supports our Air Force and nation's defense."

Through the program Team Randolph can become more involved in our surrounding communities and help foster a mutually beneficial relationship, said Ms. Gandy.

"While Randolph already has a great relationship with its surrounding communities, this program is one of the ways we can build upon those relationships and strengthen them," said Col. Richard Clark, 12th FTW commander, during his welcoming remarks at the reception.

Each commander and division chief in the 12th FTW has an honorary commander assigned to them, including the vice commander and command chief.

The honorary commanders for the 12th Mission Support Squadron are a husband and wife team, Ed and Lenna Baxter, directors of Boysville. They are the only husband and wife in the program and have been honorary

commanders for the 12th MSS for six years.

"The honorary commander's program has been an excellent partnership between Boysville and Randolph AFB," said Ms. Baxter. We get so much support from the men and women of Randolph both individually and corporately. Through our participation in the program Boysville has developed an outstanding relationship with the base."

"Ed and I love coming out to the many events at Randolph, especially the 4th of July activities," she said.

The men and women of Team Randolph have enjoyed a long and prosperous relationship with the surrounding communities, said Ms. Gandy. "It would be hard for us to accomplish the mission here without community support," she said. "It's important we continue to look for ways to foster a strong relationship with our

surrounding communities."

"I have a good relationship with my honorary commanders," said Lt. Col. Robert Jackson, 12th MSS commander.

"In spite of the demands on each of our schedules, the Baxters and MSS have "re-committed" to building upon our relationship," he said. "Boysville and the AF perform important missions which at the heart are very similar—our duty is to provide a safe environment for our nation while their calling is to provide the same for children to grow and develop. The time and resources team Randolph lends to Boysville is a sound investment in our future," said Lt. Col. Jackson.

The 36 honorary commanders represent a diverse group of civic leaders to include mayors, city managers, economic development committee members, bankers, and chamber representatives.



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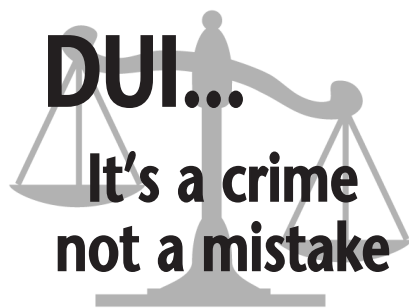
Col. Richard Clark
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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AIR AND SPACE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

As of Monday, 163 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.



Positive attitude make a difference

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Slagle
12th Flying Training Wing
staff judge advocate

As I pondered how to fill this space with some meaningful thoughts, I soon found myself reflecting on my first month here at Randolph. With the August temperatures at a record high, I seemed to sweat whenever I dared to leave the comforts of air conditioning. Despite the constant sensation of melting, I somehow managed to gain about 10 pounds and my now snug BDUs reminded me that "everything is (gettin') bigger in Texas."

I thought back to my kids' first day of school when they were both in, or near, tears, as they struggled to find their way around another new school. I thought of the look on my wife's face as the dining room set, the one she waited 15 years for, showed up with more than its share of dings, scrapes and some sort of oily residue.

And finally, I thought about how we were going to overcome the loss of four valued staff members to deployments and downsizing



initiatives while the workload seemed to increase.

So, why am I smiling? As I took a turn on the proverbial pity pot, I realized how lucky I am. I have the job I've always wanted, I work with a great group of hard working and creative people and we will get the mission done working together. The fall weather will come eventually and my kids are adjusting quickly. The damaged household goods will be repaired. Life is not going to get much better than this and I don't want to be eternally miserable.

So, I have made the choice to be happy. A couple of unit physical training sessions and turning away from the homemade carrot cake have me feeling a sense of tone in the old

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twelve-pack abs. Ideas to adapt operations to the tight manning situation are already starting to flow. Reminding myself to focus on the positive has really lifted my spirits and put everything in a different light.

Each of us needs to make the choice to be happy. Carrying a positive attitude takes some effort at times, but it can be done. Besides, the alternative is not acceptable. Positive, upbeat people are more enjoyable to work with and they inspire others around them. So make the right choice and renew that positive attitude.

BEEF it up: Secrets of career success

By Chief Master Sgt. Mick Johnson
12th Operations Group superintendent

Have you ever watched a basketball game where your favorite team is down by a point and your hero is on the foul line shooting the front end of a 1-and-1? If basketball is not your sport of choice, pick the sport – any sport, where, in the waning seconds of the contest, your favorite player has a chance to be the hero – or the goat. Now picture this, that hero is you! You sink the winning shot – game over! You're the hero!

But what happens if you miss? What happens if you don't win? It's a totally different picture. Does that mean you're a lousy player? Does that mean you didn't give 100 percent? The answer is no. Losing hurts like hell! What it does mean is that you must be able to accept the bad times with the good. You have to be able to accept set backs, or "speed bumps" in life, just as much as you relish victory and achievement. It makes you a better athlete. It makes you a better Airman. It makes you successful, but it's not easy!

It takes hard work and determination to be successful. It's a combination of tangible and intangible things. During my 27 years of service, I've been fortunate to have worked with all types of people and held jobs that were very challenging and caused me to work hard mentally as well as physically.

As I sum up those tangible and intangible elements that guided me along the way, I'd describe them in the form of B-E-E-F.

Balance is the first element and very important in our lives. I recall supervisors and commanders who encourage having balance in our daily lives. They explain the importance of it, but it's you and it's me – we are the ones who must actually take action to find that balance. Balance is very simple – it's splitting the time between obligations at



work and home. There will be times when it seems there are not enough hours in the day to accomplish the many things you need to do at work, but you must be able to tell the difference between the things you must do and the things that are nice to do. Don't sacrifice time with your family for the things that are nice to do. Balance also finding time for you – to reflect; it's finding time for managing your spiritual needs. This can be a touchy subject, but for Mick Johnson, I'm certain "angels" are perched on my shoulder acting as that voice of reason giving me counsel and advice as I meet daily challenges. It's those "speed bumps" we encounter in life where we need our angels the most.

Energy is the second element and it's what drives us. We need it physically and mentally. Take time to keep your body fit and your mind sharp. We live in an environment where each of us is obligated to maintain a level of fitness that keeps us ready to support and defend our nation. It's no joke! Take advantage of unit and personal PT – our lives depend on it. Train your mind as well. You've heard it before, go to school. Perfect your craft, whatever it might be. Strive to be the best in your field. Be willing to do the things no one else is willing to do. Do more than what's expected; give more than what's expected. Don't worry about your neighbor. We can't all be the sharpest tool in the shed, but I guarantee you one thing – if you want to be the hardest working tool in the shed, you can be.

Enthusiasm is the third element and it is contagious! If you walked into McDonalds and there were two clerks

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Constructive feedback helps Airmen make improvements

By Master Sgt. Cheryl Toner
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea (AFPN) – It's always funny to me when people say, "Airmen these days! They just aren't like Airmen were when I came in the military."

This, of course, is always said with disdain. Ironically, when crusty old master sergeants say that, well, they're right. When I came in the Air Force in the mid-80s, there were still people on active duty who had been drafted.

And the old, "Yeah, the judge said the military or jail," also was not uncommon. So, yes, the Airmen in today's Air Force are different ... and that's not a bad thing. What's different is our philosophy on training and education. That's a good thing.

Back then, feedback wasn't formalized upgrade training. It was something your supervisor did to you, not for you. Feedback wasn't a process, it was punishment. I remember my first assignment – our office spent a few months working half-days on Saturdays.

From a two-striper's perspective – and one who never had a "sit down" with her supervisor to discuss expectations – that was just punishment. We Airmen had no idea why we were working on Saturdays. We

were just told, "Improve your areas." So, I broke out the all-purpose cleaner and started cleaning my desk.

Another feedback session at the same assignment was held after an aircraft accident. One of our base's B-52 Stratofortresses crashed shortly after take-off. Thankfully, everyone survived the accident ... well, everyone on the aircraft. Meanwhile, back at the office, the captain went AWOL and the technical sergeant couldn't be found ... for days. That left a second lieutenant and five Airmen to deal with the news media.

Our feedback? We were called into the wing commander's office. While standing at attention, the only thing we were told was, "The next one of you who ***** up is out of here! Now leave."

This will always be burned in my brain. According to Air Force pamphlet 36-2241, "An important milestone in any subordinate's development process is to experience a significant challenge early in his or her career."

Well, at that time, I was the 18-year-old base newspaper editor with less than a year on active duty and virtually no experience.

Surely, I thought, I was next.

As supervisors, it is our job to foster growth. As Airmen, it is our job to help our supervisors do their jobs. Every Airman is responsible for some part of the

process. It's our responsibility and it makes sense.

As former Army Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf said, "People want to know what is expected of them. No one goes to work and says, 'I am going to do a lousy job today.' People work to succeed, and they need to know how you measure that success."

Now, back to my Saturdays and the aircraft crash: I really didn't want to do a lousy job. Yet, as feedback went those days, if my supervisor wasn't yelling at me, then I must have done OK.

We all know that's a lousy way to provide feedback. It's also a recipe for failure. Everyone, from the lowest ranking Airman to the person running the show, is responsible for his or her part in providing feedback. If your supervisor isn't providing it, it's your job to ask for it. If the people who work for you aren't actively listening when you provide feedback, don't say another word until they start taking notes.

Ultimately you have control over your career and your personal and professional growth. You don't get a degree by accident. You won't be a better Airman by accident. The same applies to your Airmen.

And anyone who asks how "Airmen these days" got into the military should remember that he or she, too, came into the Air Force young, inexperienced and bright-eyed. The question should be: "What are you doing to make it better?"

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waiting to serve you – one with a big smile and one with a menacing scowl, which one would you go to? If you're like me, you'd head directly for the person with the smile because the person smiling says I'm happy to be here! I enjoy what I do! Be enthusiastic about what you do and those around you can't help but be

enthusiastic too. Take a deep breath, put your game face on, and get fired up about what you do!

Focus is the final element and it's about getting the job done! You know what the standards are so don't you ever give less or do less than you are capable. Work to develop the energy and enthusiasm to stick to the task and ensure it's done right the first time. It's very easy to cut corners and take short cuts, but what happens if you cut one too many corners or take one

too many short cuts? Eventually you become complacent. It becomes "good enough for government work", but it's not good enough for government work! We are Airmen in the United States Air Force and we've been trained to exceed standards. Remember this, "The rewards we enjoy in life are directly proportionate to our efforts." In other words, big efforts equal big rewards.

So the next time, your team finds itself in a clutch situation, you'll be the one they call on because you've

proven over and over again that when it really counts, you're the one to turn to.

Don't shy away from responsibility. Sometimes you'll experience the thrill of victory, and if you live long enough, you'll experience the pain of defeat. However, you'll never be defeated to the point of not getting back on your feet because you will have developed the balance, energy, enthusiasm, and the focus to meet any demand the Air Force places on you!

Air Force unveils new advertising campaign

The Air Force unveiled an innovative television and online advertising campaign Monday aimed at giving teens and Internet users a realistic view of life in the military.

The "Do Something Amazing" campaign debuted the same day the Air Force celebrated its 59th year as a service. It also coincides with the fall television season.

Each commercial ties directly into www.DoSomethingAmazing.com, a newly created interactive Web site featuring Air Force videos and information, according to Lee Pilz, Air Force account director at GSD&M, the service's contracted advertising agency in Austin, Texas.

"The idea behind the campaign is that Air Force people are doing amazing

things every day all around the world," said Mr. Pilz. "We want people to be able to see that."

Unlike previous Air Force television commercials that were highly scripted and produced with special effects in Hollywood, the new spots were shot with a hand-held camera or used existing Air Force footage featuring Airmen performing their jobs in real-world environments.

The commercials allow viewers to experience the thrills of Air Force life such as jumping out the back of a C-130 Hercules at 10,000 feet with a special-operations team, calling in air strikes with joint terminal attack control Airmen or flying with the Thunderbirds

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Selective Early Retirement Board to convene

In an effort to shape the force to support core and emerging missions, Air Force officials will convene a Selective Early Retirement Board Jan. 8 to balance the excess of officers in the colonel and lieutenant colonel ranks.

The SERB will evaluate line of the Air Force and chaplain colonels and lieutenant colonels who meet the following criteria: Colonels with four years time in grade and lieutenant colonels who have been non-selected for promotion to colonel at least twice will be considered by the board for early retirement. Judge advocates will not meet the board.

The 2007A SERB is scheduled to convene at the Air Force Personnel Center. Officers selected by the SERB for early retirement must apply for a voluntary retirement date of no later than Sept. 1, 2007.

Senior raters will write retention recommendation forms on their eligible officers to provide retain or retire recommendations. The officer's senior rater is determined based on the unit the officer is assigned to by Sept. 15. SERB-eligible officers should receive a

copy of the RRF no later than 30 days before the board. They are responsible to ensure the accuracy of the RRF, performance reports, decorations, and the data on their pre-selection brief prior to the board date.

To preclude SERB consideration, SERB-eligible officers must submit a retirement application and have it approved by Jan. 1. Officers should submit their applications by Dec. 15 to ensure approval by the deadline. The requested retirement date must be on or before Sept. 1, 2007.

Officers with an approved voluntary retirement, those already selected for promotion or scheduled for mandatory retirement in fiscal 2007 or 2008 will not meet the board.

By law, the Air Force may select up to 30 percent of the eligible officers in each grade and competitive



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category for early retirement. The SERB will closely mirror the central selection board process for promotions and will consider the member's decorations, RRF, training and performance reports, and officer selection brief.

For more information about the SERB and volunteer separation opportunities, visit the AFPC Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/forceshaping/CURRENT/SERB07.htm> or call the Air Force Contact Center at 800-616-3775.

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

ATTENTION E-1s-E-9s

Enlisted Fest tickets available

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
Wingspread editor

Randolph enlisted members should mark their calendars for the first-ever Team Randolph Enlisted Fest set to kick off Oct. 13 at 11 a.m. at Eberle Park.

The Oktoberfest themed event includes everything from German food and drinks to music, sports competitions, games and prizes.

"Lots of time and planning has been put into this event to show our enlisted personnel we appreciate all they have done and sacrificed throughout the year to support the mission," said Senior Master Sgt. Trae King, event committee co-chairperson. "This event is a great way to meet newcomers and get reacquainted with those comrades we don't get to see on a daily basis. It should be a great time for everyone!"

The unit sports competitions begin in the morning before the main gathering. The first event, a two-mile run, starts at 7 a.m., followed by 8 a.m. ultimate football, volleyball, three-on-three basketball and horseshoe tournaments. Each group in the wing, along with the wing staff agencies 19th Air Force, Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Recruiting Service and associate units can have two teams compete in each event. Competitors can sign up through their unit sports representative. The run is open to anyone who wants to attend.

"This is a great way for enlisted members to build camaraderie within their respective units," said Master Sgt. Lisa Barkman, sports committee chairperson. "Even if you're not actually competing in an event, you should come out and show support for your unit."

Medallions will be awarded to each winning team in addition to the top three finishers netting points for their respective units. An overall unit winner will be awarded a trophy at the main gathering.

Another competitive aspect of the Enlisted Fest is the "Randolph Amazing Race," where teams consisting of an Airman, NCO and senior NCO, must find and follow clues hidden around the base. The winning team receives a monetary prize.



"We put a lot of thought into the greatest race," said Sergeant King. "It should be a big hit."

Other highlights of the Enlisted Fest include music from a local DJ, recreational sports, dominoes and card games and a chiefs/first sergeants dunking booth.

"I encourage every enlisted person on Randolph to make your best effort to come out and enjoy the Team Randolph Enlisted Fest," said Sergeant King. "We want this to be the start of an annual function that will continue to build on stronger relations amongst our enlisted folks for years to come."

The cost is \$3 for senior airmen and below, \$5 for staff and technical sergeants and \$7 for master through chief master sergeants. To purchase tickets, contact Master Sgt. James White at 652-1421.

AFSVA branch chief retires after almost 40 years

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

In today's world of employment, the conventional wisdom is that a person can expect to change jobs two or more times during a career. On the other hand, some people find a niche and manage to hold on to it for all their working years.

Charles Eller is the latter of the two with almost 40 years of experience in one Air Force specialty. Today, he is the Air Force Services Agency Hospitality and Recreation Branch chief, a job he describes as his most enjoyable in his many years of service.

"I get to see just how much Airmen around the world enjoy our recreation and club programs," Mr. Eller said. "That makes me feel like I'm really contributing to their welfare and morale."

Mr. Eller started out in 1966, as many Airmen do, with an enlistment for four years, but no long-term goals. After technical school, the Chatham, Va., native was assigned to Lowrey Air Force Base, Colo., where he worked on contracts related to general base operations. His second assignment; however, was a big move up in terms of responsibility. He worked in the procurement and contracts section of the 89th Airlift Wing at Andrews AFB, Md., the organization that supplies the air travel and support for senior officials in Washington.

"That assignment really gave me a sense of purpose and a desire to



Charles Eller and Rhonda Good, Air Force Services Agency, review one of the contracts the agency manages for Air Force recreation services units around the country. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

make a career of the service," he said.

Over the years, Mr. Eller's contracting work took him through two tours of duty in Thailand and one in Panama, as well as one in Laughlin AFB, Texas, where he met his wife Stela. His last active duty tour was at Headquarters Air Training Command here, from which he retired as a chief master sergeant in 1989.

After a short stint in civilian life, Mr. Eller secured a position in the AFSVA where he worked his way through a series of positions to his current job working the contracts for all Air Force recreation facilities world-wide,

including golf courses, bowling alleys, aero clubs, and the hospitality clubs, he said.

Today, Mr. Eller says goodbye to the AFSVA and the Air Force, as he ends those chapters of his life and begins a new one – life after retirement.

With a vacation to Hawaii with his wife in the works, he said he plans to enjoy retirement by spending time with his family.

But the former chief said he would never forget his time working with the Air Force and the memories.

"A career is what you make it to be," he said. "The trick, if there is one, is just apply yourself to the job at hand."

NEWS BRIEFS

Randolph retirees

Congratulations to Charles Eller, Air Force Services Agency, and to Lt. Col. Shane Scoggins, 12th Flying Training Wing on their retirements.

19th AF commander "fini" flight

Maj. Gen. Marc Rogers, 19th Air Force commander, flies his "fini" flight in a Randolph T-38C today. He is scheduled to land at 10:30 a.m. and park on the east flight line near base operations. The flight commemorates the general's last flight in the T-38C before he relinquishes command of the 19th AF.

The change of command ceremony takes place Oct. 3 at 9 a.m. at base operations.

Special Duty assignments briefing

The Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Assignment Team conducts a special briefing Thursday at 8:45 a.m. in the base theater.

The briefing focuses on special duties such as recruiters, military training instructors, military training leaders, technical training instructors and professional military education instructors.

Airmen must be an airman 1st class with at least 24 months time in service through master sergeant with less than 17 years total active federal military service to be considered for a special duty assignment.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Chris Lantagne at 652-4759.

Munitions flight closure

The Randolph Munitions Flight will be closed Monday through Friday for its annual inventory check.

MPF closure

The military personnel flight closes Thursday at 1 p.m. for an official function and reopens Friday at 8:30 a.m.

RFISD Board of Trustees meeting

The Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees meets Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in Room 21 at the Randolph High School. The public is invited to attend.

Ambassador applications available

Applications for the 2007 Randolph Ambassador positions are available in the 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs community relations office, in the west basement of the Taj Mahal. Applications must be turned in by Nov. 15.

For details, call 652-4407.

Kidney donor sought

The wife of a retired military member is in need of a new kidney. The donor must have blood type O.

People interested in being a donor should call University Hospital transplant coordinator Carmen Nolan at 567-6864, and reference Elizabeth Swanberg.

AFSA Scholarship awarded

The Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1075 Auxiliary awarded its first scholarship to Phyllis Perez, wife of a retired senior master sergeant. Mrs. Perez is studying to be a paralegal at San Antonio College.

She was chosen for her volunteer work with indigent people at the border and the base volunteer program. She was also a Chapter Volunteer of the Year.



**Randolph
Spotlight**

Congratulations to the following Airmen who scored a 90 percent or above on their career development course examinations:

- Airman Danny Fluker
- Airman 1st Class William Bryant
- Airman 1st Class Arthur Hyzer
- Airman 1st Class Bartholomew McKay
- Senior Airman Sean Barrett
- Senior Airman Robert Pierce
- Senior Airman Darren Sinclair
- Senior Airman Chad Thomas
- Staff Sgt. Gregory Cruz
- Staff Sgt. Todd Isaac
- Staff Sgt. Lynette Raigne
- Staff Sgt. Jonathan Turnage

Honorary recognition



Lt. Col. Barbara Eisenstein, 12th Medical Operations Squadron commander, and Lt. Col. John Graves, 12th Medical Support Squadron commander, talk with Bill Kotylo, New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce chairman, during the ninth annual honorary commander's reception at the officers' club. The honorary commanders program matches commanders in the 12th Flying Training Wing with civilian counterparts in the community. Mr. Kotylo is the honorary commander to Colonel Eisenstein. (Photo by Steve White)



Keith Wright, 12th Communications Squadron graphic designer, works on a project at the multimedia center. (Photo by Steve White)


To submit a junior officer, enlisted member or civilian employee for the Showplace Showcase column, commanders can send an e-mail to Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice at lindsey.maurice@randolph.af.mil.



Keith Wright

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Goals: Get promoted, complete my degree, set a good example for my family and co-workers.
Greatest Accomplishment: My marriage and raising my two children.
Personal Inspiration: My parents who brought me up with positive values and my family who give me the drive and sense of worth nothing else can.
Personal Motto: Whatever it takes, no problem.
Pet Peeve: People with a pessimistic attitude.
Commander's Comments: "Keith may be a new employee here as a graphic designer, but he has awesome talent and his artistic skills are a positivbe addition to the team."

Michelle De Leon
12th CS chief



HISTORY QUIZ QUESTION

On Aug. 3, 1947, the Aviation Day parade over Tushino airport in Moscow featured a flyover of a new Soviet bomber, the Tu-4 Bull. The appearance of this bomber sent a shockwave through the U.S. Air Force. The Tu-4 was a bolt-for-bolt copy of an American bomber.

Which bomber did it clone?

- A) B-17
- B) B-29
- C) B-36
- D) B-47

(see page 6 for the answer)

Randolph teacher honored by KENS-TV, SACU

By Jeff Duffield
Randolph Field Independent School District Public Affairs

A Randolph Elementary School teacher was honored as the Randolph Field Independent School District's Ex-CEL Teacher of the Year at a school-wide assembly Tuesday.

Sue Wieser, a second grade teacher and 26-year professional educator, along with her students, appeared on KENS-TV Eyewitness News where she was presented with a \$1,000 check from Eddie Riojas, San Antonio Federal Credit Union senior vice president of corporate relations.

The Ex-CEL award is presented each year through a joint venture of KENS-TV and the SACU.

"This is our way of recognizing the valuable role of teachers and education," Mr. Riojas said.

This isn't the first honor Ms. Wieser has received for her teaching skills. She was Randolph Elementary School's Distinguished Educator nominee for the Trinity University Prize for Excellence in Teaching in both 2005-2006 and 2004-2005.

She was also named to "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" for the 2005-2006 school year.

In addition to her teaching role, Ms. Wieser is the school's Math Club sponsor, a reading tutor, math tutor and San Antonio Metropolitan Ministry shelter volunteer. She is also a member of the Association of Texas Public Educators and the International Reading Association.

"I think it is important that each of us gives as much back to the community and others as we



Sue Wieser, 2nd grade teacher at Randolph Elementary School, was recognized Tuesday as the district Ex-CEL Teacher of the Year. The award is presented jointly by KENS-TV and the San Antonio Federal Credit Union. The children of her class presented her with carnations, hugs and memento hearts. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

possibly can," she said.

Ms. Wieser began her teaching career in 1980 in Utica, Neb., where she taught fourth grade for two years. Seeking a warmer climate, she moved to Laredo, Texas, where she became a special education teacher, she said. She came to Randolph Elementary in 1984,

teaching special education until 1989 and then assuming her current role as a second grade teacher.

"Originally I was undecided about a career choice when I was in college, but I had an opportunity in an Educational Psychology class to work at an elementary school with three boys who had developmental learning problems," she said. "It was one of the neatest experiences I ever had as I watched them grow academically and socially. It made me realize that helping children to become all they are capable of being would be my goal in life."

"As a teacher, I strive to provide a learning environment in which students feel safe and are successful learners," she said. "We create a family atmosphere in which students respect and care for one another."

Ms. Wieser said children are curious and possess a love for learning.

"My job as a teacher is to keep students' enthusiasm for knowledge and learning alive so that they will become self-directed learners as adults in our society," she continued. "I have high expectations for each student and continually strive to provide each child the opportunity to develop and achieve."

The 26-year teacher said she could not think of a more rewarding career than the one she selected.

"Teaching has been, and continues to be, an awesome and rewarding experience for me," she said. "It is such an honor to have been chosen by my colleagues to be Randolph Field ISD's ExCEL Teacher of the year."

Birthday grins



Master Sgt. Kerry Kelly of the Randolph First Sergeants Council serves Airman 1st Class Shaun Sikat of the Air Education and Training Command his birthday dinner at the quarterly Team Randolph Dormitory Residents Birthday Celebration Sept. 14 at the dining facility. Senior Master Sgt. Rosa Cavazos (left) and other Randolph First Sergeants Council members served the birthday Airmen and their guests a special meal and birthday cake prepared by the dining facility staff. Other Airmen celebrating their birthdays were: Airmen 1st Class Elizabeth House, Stephanie Shump, Aron Bogdanovic, Thomas Sauter, Thomas Valenzuela, Kelly Foote, Senior Airman Christie Zell and Airman Basic Dominic Pondant. (Photo by Steve White)

Amazing

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aerial photographer through corkscrew spins.

"The documentary style makes the messages more convincing and authentic, especially to skeptical and media-savvy teenagers," Pilz said. "They want to see what it's really like in the Air Force. That's what we're providing."

Since the commercials are less expensive to produce, GSD&M plans to develop more of them.

"In the past, we produced eight commercials over a four-year period," Pilz said. "We can now showcase more career fields and have a better variety of TV spots and videos for the Web."

Filming for the commercials began in May and continued throughout the summer. Career fields such as aircraft mechanic, security forces and explosive ordnance disposal are included in the campaign. Each commercial is voiced by an Airman in that career field and ends with the call to action "Do Something Amazing."

The Web site allows visitors to search, view and download video clips featuring on-the-job interviews with the Airmen. Teens will also find links to www.airforce.com to request more information, find a recruiter location or chat with an online advisor.

Although initially only enlisted career fields are featured in the commercials and online videos, GSD&M plans to add officer and health-professions careers to the lineup.

"We're excited about the new campaign," said Tim Talbert, deputy chief of the Strategic Communications Division, Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service. "It's a lot different from what we've done in the past. 'Do Something Amazing' does not replace our main campaign theme, 'Cross into the Blue.' It complements it."

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



HISTORY QUIZ ANSWER



B) B-29

The Soviets had no long range bombers and decided to "hang on" to three B-29s that made emergency landings in Soviet territory during WW II. Stalin ordered Andrei Tupolev to build exact copies of the long range bomber, while Soviet agents attempted to buy B-29 parts in the U.S. The Air Force was alarmed not so much by the copy but that the Soviets now had a bomber that could reach the continental U.S.



(Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

Tech. Sgt. Jose Luna
12th Operations Group

"America's cultural diversity has always been a great strength for our nation. Honoring our ethnic heritage provides an opportunity to meet new people and explore cultures that make up our society. Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration of the many achievements of Hispanic Americans and recognizes their contributions to our country."



CELEBRATING
**HISPANIC
HERITAGE
MONTH**
2006

Randolph Hispanic Heritage Month Events

- Fiesta Luncheon, Sept. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rendezvous Dining Facility. Active duty military are welcome to attend.
- Hispanic Heritage gathering, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the base exchange. The event includes presentations on various Hispanic ethnicities (Mexican, Spaniard, Puerto Rican and Guatemalan), entertainment by a local DJ, dance contest, salsa contest and traditional Hispanic desserts.
- Catholic mass and food sampling, Oct. 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Chapel 1 and the annex
- Hispanic Heritage Luncheon, Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the enlisted club. The event features a dance performance and guest speaker Virgil Fernandez, a military veteran and author. The cost is \$13.
- Youth Hispanic Heritage art contest for Randolph Field Independent School District students in the first through twelfth grade. Prizes awarded to top finishers.

To volunteer or for more information, call Staff Sgt. Bianca Farber at 652-3581, ext. 2.

Strategic communication applies to every Airman

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – All Airmen have within themselves the ability to be strategic communicators and share the Air Force story with the public, said the Air Force's director of strategic communication at the Pentagon.

"Airmen should be proud of who they are and what they do, and they should be proud to share that with others," said Brig. Gen. Erwin Lessel III, who leads the Secretary of the Air Force's Office of Strategic Communication.

"But by nature, we are quiet warriors," said General Lessel. "We do not beat our chests and talk about what we do. It's going to take a culture change, but it helps the public better understand the Air Force when they hear from the Airmen themselves."

In an era of technology and 24-hour news cycles, the public has come to expect a continual flow of information, especially from its military. Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne, along with Air Force Chief of Staff General T. Michael Moseley, realized a new office had to be created to specifically focus on strategic communication.

"Our strategic communication efforts will build better relationships with key audiences and the support that is critical to operational success, force modernization and the development of our most precious resource: Airmen," wrote Secretary Wynne in a recent Letter to Airmen.

The new Office of Strategic Communications merges various career fields that focus on providing information: public affairs, videography, photography and broadcasting. But General Lessel said a common misconception is that his office alone is responsible for sharing the Air Force story with the public.

"The whole idea of strategic communications is to use every opportunity to get our messages out there," he said. "This can include recruiting, in speeches, contacts with the media, papers, blogs and the Internet. Every Airman can become an Air Force spokesperson at any time."

He said his office's goal is to teach Airmen how to effectively communicate with the public.



"First and foremost, we want to educate Airmen so that the information they do have is accurate and appropriate," he said. "There is a difference between wanting to inform people or influence them, and there are appropriate ways to do both."

An Airman's card has been created containing information about strategic communications and has been delivered to all Airmen. It contains many of the things most Airmen already know, such as the need to coordinate with public affairs before any public engagement, and "staying in your lane" by speaking from experience. But, the card also contains useful statistics and facts.

"The most important thing is that all information needs to be truth-based," General Lessel said. "Our credibility only comes from telling the truth. By educating all Airmen on the service's key messages, we speak about one Air Force and one vision."

Some Airmen in the field already have taken strategic communication to heart and have used its principles effectively.

"The wing commander at Fairchild (Air Force Base, Wash.) received authorization to allow Airmen who just returned from deployment to wear their desert uniform to the base open house," he said. "This allowed the public to recognize these Airmen and they could interact with each other. The Airmen were able share with them their deployment stories."

Secretary Wynne agreed in his letter that such interaction is valuable to both Airmen and the public alike.

"Your stories resonate the most with local newspapers, schools and rotary clubs," he wrote. "The American public looks up to you as a model of integrity, and by sharing your experiences, you are the best spokesperson for the Air Force."

SERVICES

YOUTH CENTER 652-2088

Customer appreciation specials
Children can buy a root beer float for 5¢ Tuesday and a snow cone for 5¢ Wednesday after school as part of the 12th Services Division’s customer appreciation week.

Sports applications
Applications are being accepted for cheerleading, volleyball, flag and tackle football. Applications are available at the center’s front desk.
For more information, call Rey Salinas at 652-2088 or e-mail rey.salinas@randolph.af.mil.

MISCELLANEOUS

Club membership drives
Military members who join the officers’ or enlisted club by Nov. 30 are eligible to win a 2007 H3 Hummer as part of the Air Force Clubs campaign.
Each Randolph club is also giving away two New Year’s Eve packages or \$150 in Services Bucks at the end of the membership drive.
New members receive a 12th Services Division coupon book valued at \$200 and do not pay club dues until 2007.

Customer appreciation week party
The 12th Services Division kicks off its customer appreciation week with a party today from 5-8 p.m. at the center pool and officers’ club deck.
Base families are invited to enjoy free food, live music, swimming, games and contests. Services will also award the unit with the most participants who dress in their best 1950s costume with a \$100 discount off of its Christmas party at either club.

Art contest
The youth center, health and wellness center and pediatric clinic have teamed up to host a “Building a Healthier Community” art contest for youth ages 5-18.
Contestants should depict what makes a healthy community.
Entry forms are available at the youth center, HAWC and pediatric clinic. Entries must be turned in to any

of the three locations by Oct. 3. Prizes will be awarded in three age groups and all contestants will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a bicycle.
The Randolph Healthier Communities Coalition sponsors this contest with the goal of encouraging healthy lifestyle choices for children. For more information, call 652-3298.

Talent search
Air Force Entertainment’s 2007 Tops in Blue tour talent search is underway. All active duty military members are eligible to compete for the 2006 Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest Nov. 5-13 at Lackland.
Perform Your Duty application DVD kits are available at the enlisted club, bowling center and fitness center. Individual application packages must be sent directly to Air Force Services Agency by Oct. 2.
For additional information, visit the Tops in Blue Web site at topsinblue.com.

ENLISTED CLUB 652-3056

Football Frenzy
Customers are invited to watch NFL and college football games at Gil’s Pub in the enlisted club Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights as part of Football Frenzy.
Participants can enjoy games, food and discount drinks during the game as well as enter prize drawings for NFL merchandise and a trip to the Atlanta vs. Tampa Bay game, Super Bowl and Pro Bowl.
Football Frenzy is sponsored in part by American Airlines and Air Force Services Clubs.

Bingo specials

- Bingo is offered Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the ballroom.
- Big Bucks Bingo is offered Sundays at 3 p.m.

OFFICERS’ CLUB 652-4864

Member birthday buffet
Members or their spouses celebrating their birthday this month are invited to enjoy the free monthly members’ birthday buffet Wednesday from 5:30-

8:30 p.m. Participants must have their club card and military ID.

Lunch buffet special
Customers can enjoy a lunch buffet for \$2.50 Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. as part of the 12th Services Division’s customer appreciation week.

Prime Time Night
Customers can enjoy a prime rib dinner special every Friday from 5:30-9 p.m. They can choose an 8, 12, or 16 oz. cut of prime rib with a potato, vegetables and the soup and salad bar.

Bingo
Bingo takes place in the Sky Lounge every Thursday from 6-10 p.m. The jackpot is \$1,150. Hourly drawings are held for free Bingo cards, club coins and coupons.
A free buffet is provided for players.

BOWLING CENTER 652-6271

Customer appreciation special
Customers can bowl for 50¢ a game and rent shoes for 50¢ Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. The Sparetime Grille also offers 50¢ hotdogs and fountain drinks during that time. The special offer is part of the 12th Services Division’s customer appreciation week.

Military Bowling Tournament
Bowlers can sign up to participate in the annual Military Bowling Tournament Oct. 7-8 at the bowling center. Adults who are authorized to use the bowling center can participate. The cost is \$15.

Information, Tickets & Travel 652-5640

Discount tickets
There are discount tickets available for the following attractions:

- Sea World of San Antonio
- Six Flags
- Schlitterbahn of New Braunfels, South Padre Island and Galveston Island
- Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, Texas
- Other local attractions including the IMAX and Regal Theaters, Natural Bridge Caverns, Natural Wildlife Park

and Malibu Grand Prix.

Texas Renaissance Festival
Customers can purchase tickets to the Texas Renaissance Festival for any weekend in October and November.
The cost is \$17 for adults and \$7 for children ages 5 to 12.

Eberle Park
Customers can rent the facilities at Eberle Park, which include a grill house, serving house and two pavilions, for \$35 a day.
To make reservations, call 652-5640.

ARTS and CRAFTS 652-2788

Holiday gifts
The Randolph Arts and Crafts Center has a variety of Christmas items for sale. Customers can also work on handmade holiday gifts.
The center offers a variety of classes including stained glass, custom framing, quilting and pastel painting.
For details, call 652-2788.

WOOD SKILLS CENTER 652-7422

Children’s class
The next Wood Skills Center children’s class is Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon. Children and their parents will assemble, sand, and paint a rubber band dragster. The cost is \$5.
Customers should sign up at least one week prior to the class.

AUTO SKILLS CENTER 652-2952

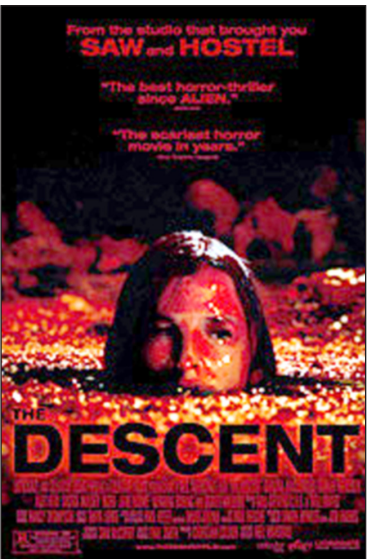
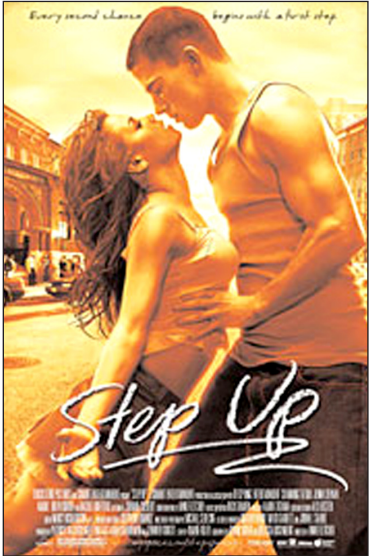
Discount auto parts
Customers can order parts at the Auto Skills Center while they are working on their vehicles. Parts are delivered within the hour in most cases and at a discount rate.

Actron Auto Scanner
Customers with their “check engine” light on can use the Auto Skills Center’s Actron Auto Scanner to determine what potential problem may be affecting the overall performance of their automobile.



“Snakes on a Plane”
Samuel L. Jackson
Friday – 7 p.m., Sunday – 6 p.m.
Rated R, 106 min.
An assassin releases lethal snakes on board a passenger plane in hopes the venomous reptiles will kill a witness in protective custody. Meanwhile, the first-time pilot and passengers must join forces in order to survive.

“Step Up”
Channing Tatum
Saturday – 2 p.m.
Rated PG-13, 93 min.
Nora, a gifted ballerina, notices the dancing talent of Tyler, an angry outsider forced to do community service at a Maryland school. After a little work with him, sparks start to fly between the two, both on and off the stage.



“The Descent”
Shauna Macdonald
Saturday – 6 p.m.
Rated R, 93 min.
One year after suffering severe emotional trauma, Sarah spends time with her friends exploring caves. But the women find strange drawings and evidence of an earlier expedition and soon discover they are not alone. Among them are hungry cannibals.

Randolph Movie Theater 652-3278 Adults - \$3.50 Children (12 yrs. and under) - \$1.75

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrift shop
The thrift shop, located behind 19th Air Force in Building 662, closes Monday for volunteer training. It reopens Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Theatre auditions
The Harlequin Dinner Theatre at Fort Sam Houston holds open auditions Monday and Tuesday for a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn entitled “Season’s Greetings.”

There are roles for nine people. Volunteers are also needed for assistant director, stage manager, light and sound technicians, props and stage crew. Performances run Nov. 15 through Dec. 15.
For more information, call 222-9694.

MOAA picnic
The Military Officers Association of America Alamo Chapter hosts a picnic and steak fry Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Randolph Officers’ Club. The cost is \$16 and visitors are welcome.
To register, call 228-9955.

Disc golf tournament
Randolph technical sergeants and below are invited to participate in Live Oaks’ Seventh Annual Military Disc Golf Tournament Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. at the Live Oak Clubhouse.
The event is free and all participants receive free playing discs with instructions, lunch, a T-shirt, hat, door prize ticket and other goody bag items. Those interested must register by Oct. 1. For an entry form or for more information, call Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio at 652-4407.

USO pool tournament
The United Service Organization San Antonio hosts a pool tournament Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. in the USO San Antonio downtown community center. The cost is \$5.
To sign up, call 227-9373, ext. 12.

USO volunteers
The United Service Organization Downtown San Antonio and Airport locations are seeking volunteers. The downtown location is in need of greeters, servers, cooks and people to work the information desks. The airport location is in need of people to coordinate transportation and provide refreshments and entertainment to visitors passing through the city.
For more information, call 227-9373, ext. 11.

**AIRMAN & FAMILY
READINESS FLIGHT
652-5321**

Readiness training
The next personal and family readiness training session for military members getting ready to deploy is Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. Spouses are encouraged to attend.
Spouses can sign up through the Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Flight. Seating is limited.

San Antonio tour
Military members and their families can enjoy a free, guided tour of downtown San Antonio Sept. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tour visits historic sites such as the Alamo, Mission San Jose, River Walk and El Mercado. Attendees will also stop for lunch at their own expense.
Childcare is provided with home day care providers for children under age 12.
To sign up, call 652-3060.

Bundles for Baby
Expectant active duty military members and their spouses are invited to attend the next Bundles for Baby class Oct. 6 from 2-3 p.m. in Building 693. Presentations are given on budgeting for a baby, medical needs and the new parent support program. Attendees also receive a “bundle” of baby supplies.

To sign up, call 652-5321.

Virtual Airmen’s Attic
Customers can view items available at the Airmen’s Attic from any government computer by going to <https://home.randolph.af.mil/12ftw/12sg/12mss/vaa/index.html>. Donated items are posted twice a week, with a description, contact information and photo (if available). Items are listed on the site for free.
To post items on the Web site, e-mail Master Sgt. Kavooss Shamloo at randolphfsc@randolph.af.mil.

**EDUCATION SERVICES
652-5964**

Webster University
Webster University’s Fall 2 Term runs Oct. 14 to Dec. 15. Students can register online in the Randolph office. WBU also offers a master’s in business administration at Camp Bullis.
For more information on the MBA program, call 226-3373.

Customer survey
The education center added a survey to its Web site to help determine Randolph’s educational needs.
The results will be used in program planning and class offerings for the coming year.
For more information, visit <https://www.randolph.af.mil/12ftw/12sg/12mss/edcenter/default.htm>.

**CHAPEL SERVICES
652-6121**

Protestant men’s retreat
The Protestant Men of the Chapel hosts its annual retreat Oct. 20-22 at His Hill Retreat Center in Comfort, Texas. The group departs Chapel 1 Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. and returns Oct. 22 around 1 p.m. All men are invited to attend. The cost is \$20. The retreat leader is Chaplain Al Hockaday.
To sign up, call 652-6121.

Protestant
Sunday – Traditional worship at 8:30 a.m., Contemporary service at 10 a.m. and Gospel service at 11:30 a.m. all in Chapel 1
Monday – Scrapbooking from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the chapel center; Men’s Gospel Service choir from 6:30-10:30 p.m. in Chapel 1
Tuesday – Bible study at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Gospel choir practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1
Wednesday – Protestant Women Bible study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Contemporary Praise Team meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 1; Protestant Youth of the Chapel Bible study at 7:15 p.m. at 10 Main Circle
Thursday – Praise Team meeting at 6:15 p.m. in Chapel 1; Precept Bible study at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel center; Chancel choir practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

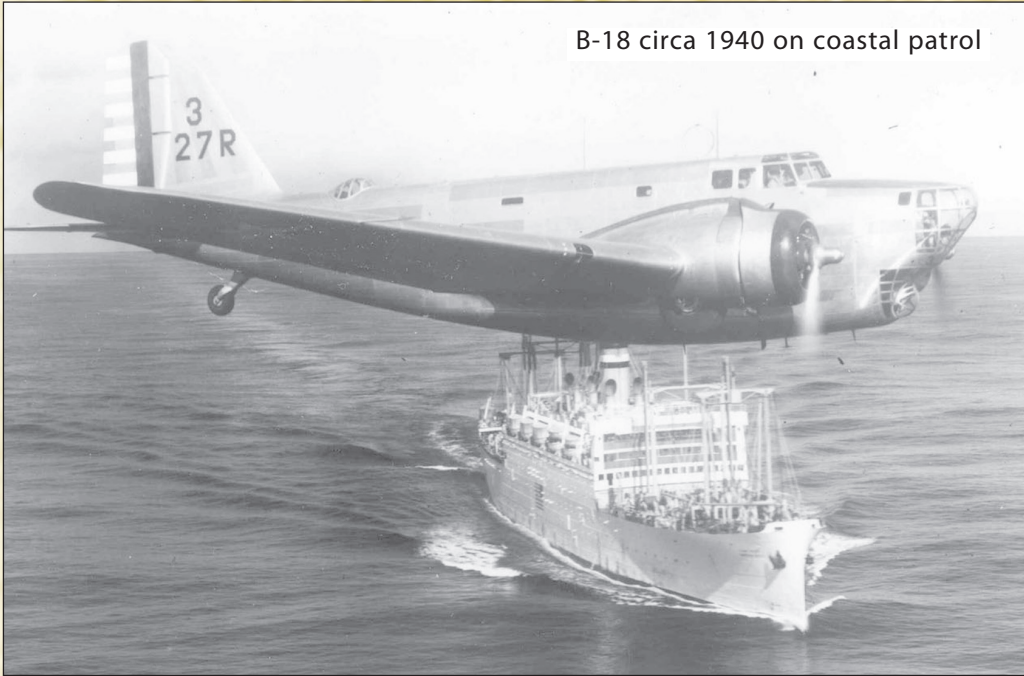
Catholic
Saturday – Confession at 4:30 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m. in Chapel 1
Sunday – Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2; Religious Education from 9:45-11 a.m. in Building 743, 563rd Flying Training Squadron classrooms
Monday-Friday – Rosary at 11:10 a.m. and Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1
Tuesday – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, 7-9 p.m. in the chapel center
Tuesday - Traditional Choir practice at 6 p.m. in Chapel 2; Cantor practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 2

Ecumenical
Monday – Wedding briefing at 3 p.m. in the chapel center
Wednesday – Film luncheon at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center
Thursday – Ecumenical Bible study at noon in the chapel center

12th Wing Heritage



Reflecting on the history of 12th Flying Training Wing



B-18 circa 1940 on coastal patrol

“The 12th Flying Training Wing has a rich history and we should all be proud of the heroes who have preceded us. They are our heritage, we are their legacy.”

Col. Richard Clark
12th FTW commander
(Taken from a speech delivered at the 12th Wing Reunion at Andrews AFB, Md. Sept. 15-17. Randolph AFB displayed T-6A, T-37, T-38 and T-1A aircraft at the event.)

12th Wing Historical Highlights

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| Nov 20, 1940 | Organized as 12th Bombardment Group (light) McChord Field, Wash., Esler Field, La. |
| Dec 1942 | Redesignated as 12th Bombardment Group (medium) Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Italy, India |
| Jan 22, 1946 | Inactivated |
| Oct 27, 1950 | Reactivated as 12th Fighter-Escort Wing Turner AFB, Ga., Bergstrom AFB, Texas |
| Jan 20, 1953 | Redesignated as 12th Strategic Fighter Wing |
| July 1, 1957 | Redesignated as 12th Fighter-Day Wing |
| Jan 8, 1958 | Inactivated |
| April 17, 1962 | Reactivated as 12th Tactical Fighter Wing McDill AFB, Fla., Vietnam |
| Nov 17, 1971 | Inactivated |
| March 22, 1972 | Reactivated as 12th Flying Training Wing Randolph AFB, Texas assigned aircraft - T-29, T37, T-38, T-39, T-41, T-43, T-1A, C-21, AT-38, T-3A, T-6A II |



B-23 circa 1941



F-84 circa 1951



F-4C 1967



Janea Childress, Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, connects with the ball during the Randolph Extramural Softball championship game Sept. 15. The first base player went on to hit a three RBI home run in the fourth inning to extend AFOMS' lead to 11-3. (Photo by Steve White)



Alex Ramos, Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, rounds first base as Vince Colo, Air Force Personnel Center, anticipates the ball. (Photo by Steve White)



Kelly Skeens, Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, runs to first base as Vince Colo, Air Force Personnel Center, dives to catch the ball. (Photo by Steve White)

EXTRAMURAL CHAMPIONSHIP

AFOMS defeats AFPC/DPAA in final game

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
Wingspread editor

The Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron powered through the Randolph Extramural Softball playoffs straight to the championship game with a final 13-4 victory over the Air Force Personnel Center Airmen Assignments Division Sept. 15 at Yankee Field.

The battle to their victory included wins over the AFPC Personnel Programs Division, Air Force Audit Agency and 12th Comptroller Squadron.

"We played well throughout the season but it all came together in the playoffs," said Mike Skeens, AFOMS coach. "Solid defense, consistent hitting and teamwork – that's how we won."

AFPC got off to a slow start in the final game as they struggled at bat. With two outs on the board, Vince Colo managed to score Brent Johnson for the team's only run before a final out closed the top of the first.

AFOMS picked up the pace in the bottom of the inning as hitters steadily loaded the bases. Skeens kicked off an early scoring run with an RBI single to center field followed by another RBI single from Janea Childress. Rod Merritt tacked on three more runs as he hit all three of them home with a home run over left center field to close out the inning at 5-1.

Both teams struggled offensively through the second inning and some of the third. With two outs behind him and two runners on base, AFOMS' Demetrius Ward found his groove as he sent the ball sailing deep to the outfield fence for a three-run inside the park home run, extending the lead to 8-1.

AFPC's Mike Hill answered back with a two-RBI home run of his own in the top of the fourth, closing the deficit to 8-3. But the rally was quickly cut short with two outs to end the run.

AFOMS opened the bottom of the fourth with a steady start as the first batter walked to second and

Skeens doubled. Then, as if in slow motion, Childress geared back to swing and hammered the ball over the left field fence for a three-run home run. As Childress rounded second the entire AFOMS dugout rushed onto the field in celebration with the clock still running.

"I didn't even think I hit a home run at first," she said. "I knew it was a good hit, but I thought it was a double, maybe a triple. It wasn't until I rounded second that I realized. I was shocked. It was a really exciting moment."

AFOMS kept its 11-3 lead up through the bottom of the sixth inning where it then tacked on two more runs, including a Childress RBI double and a John Beard RBI single.

With one last inning to catch up, AFPC's Scott Forsmann stepped up to the plate and pounded a home run over the center field fence. But the personnelists were unable to score anymore runs and AFOMS walked away with the championship.

AFOMS Team Roster

| Name | Position | Hometown |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| #22 Mike Skeens | Coach/pitcher | Columbus, Ohio |
| #2 Kelly Skeens | Catcher | Tampa, Fla. |
| #56 Bob Bursler | Pitcher | Lancaster, Ohio |
| #11 Demetrius Ward | Outfield | Sacramento, Calif. |
| #1 John Beard | 2nd Base/Outfield | Tampa, Fla. |
| #23 Ebony Cook | Catcher | Orangeburg, S.C. |
| #6 Alex Ramos | Outfield | Orlando, Fla. |
| #69 Lisa Barker | 3rd Base | New Orleans, La. |
| #33 Don Dixon | Outfield | Olsecola, Iowa |
| #34 Janea Childress | 1st Base | Farmington, N.M. |
| #52 Rod Merritt | Outfield | Albuquerque, N.M. |
| #25 Laura Merritt | Outfield | Kennewick, Wash. |
| # 9 Beth Mumaw | Outfield | Belmont, N.C. |
| #3 Marcus Griffin-Hamilton | Shortstop | San Bernard, Calif. |
| #13 Lisa Griffin-Hamilton | Outfield | Panama City, Fla. |
| #30 Nate Renes | Outfield | Sioux Center, Iowa |



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Randolph Roundup

Why do you want to compete in the Rambler 120 Team Challenge?



Kenneth O'Neal
12th Services Division

"I used to do triathlons when I lived in Oklahoma and always wanted to do an adventure race. I had friends who did adventure races and I never had the chance to compete with them before. Now I have that opportunity."



Alison Ely
Air Force
Personnel Center spouse
"Sweaty Housewives"

"I thought it would be a fun challenge and a great way to meet people who enjoy fitness as much as I do."



Staff Sgt. James Rybacki
12th Security
Forces Squadron
"Guardian 7"

"I like the challenge of challenging myself, pushing myself to new heights and new limits. I also like the whole atmosphere of the competition. This is going to be my second extreme challenge this year."



Master Sgt. Richard Souza
Air Force
Personnel Center
"Fairly Odd Parents"

"To build camaraderie and get in better shape; plus my wife had the idea to get family and friends involved in the competition... so we are 'all in' as my poker friends sometimes say."



1st Lt. Charles Thomas
12th Flying Training Wing

"It's a new challenge and I live off of challenges. It also encompasses the concept 'fit to fight.' This is a great test of one's physical and mental ability. Finally, I just wanted to outright beat the other teams, especially Team IG/JA!"

"While we may not be the fastest, we definitely have great coordination, extraordinary enthusiasum and teamwork on our side. We're really looking forward to the challenge."

Amy Clark
12th Flying Training Wing commander's wife

Rambler

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dual/brick training."

"In this type of training you do two of the three events back-to-back," he explained. "This helps your body adjust a little easier to the rigors of the competition."

Other teams, such as the "Sweaty Housewives," an all female, eight-member relay team, has a much different approach to preparing.

"A couple of us have been jogging around circle housing, pushing our jogging strollers," said Amy Clark, wife of the 12th Flying Training Wing commander Col. Richard Clark, who is on a competing team.

"We also ride our bikes pulling trailers of screaming kids behind us," she joked. "Some of us hit the gym at 5 a.m. while our kids are sleeping or before our husbands get home from work and the rest of us fit in a workout whenever we can with our busy schedules."

Mrs. Clark said she and her teammates are really excited about competing in the Rambler 120.

"While we may not be the fastest, we definitely have great coordination, extraordinary enthusiasm and teamwork on our side," she said. "We're really looking forward to the challenge."

Staff Sgt. James Rybacki, who plans to compete on a 12th Security Forces Squadron extreme team, said this isn't the first time he's participated in a race like the Rambler 120 Team Challenge.

"I competed in the Adventure Race II at Laughlin Air Force Base back in

May of this year, so I have a good idea of what to expect" he said. "I work out about five days a week lifting weights, running and riding my mountain bike."

Master Sgt. Richard Souza of the Air Force Personnel Center said he is competing on an eight-person relay team his wife Lori formed from people in their neighborhood.

"I figured this was a good way for us all to get together and have some fun," she said. "I'm looking forward to the challenge and getting to know each other better."

Ms. Souza said her team had a meeting early on to determine who was doing what segments of the race.

"Everyone knows what they have to do," she said. "We've really been stepping it up lately to get ready. We went to Canyon Lake this past weekend to train as part of Volkssport."

For those teams planning on registering today, the cost is \$80 per team, which includes a souvenir T-shirt for every member. Teams must wear the same color shirt the day of the race as well as bring their own safety equipment and cell phones with them.

The 12th Services Division hosts a picnic at the Canyon Lake Randolph Recreation Area after the race, where the winning team of each division will be announced.

"Even if you're not competing, we hope you will come out on Oct. 7 and support those people who are," said Ms. Rector. "This is going to be a great Team Randolph event you don't want to miss."

For more information about the race, call Ms. Rector at 652-6508.

Rambler 120 Rules

General Rules:

Each team must have a team color. All members must wear a shirt or tank top close to that color.

Each team must carry a cell phone with them in case of an emergency.

Each active team member must stay within 50 yards of each other at all times.

When substituting, all racers and team vehicles must pull off of the shoulder and make the substitution well clear of the shoulder.

Slower teams must allow faster teams to pass unobstructed.

The Start:

Teams start in heats of five, with a two-minute break between each heat to avoid congestion. Teams must stay together.

22-Mile Bike Portion:

Helmets and eye protection are mandatory.

Road bikes are not allowed, only mountain bikes.

Bikers must ride single file on the right side of the right shoulder.

Overtaking teams must call out and pass on the left side of slower teams. The passing team must stay on the shoulder.

There will be two check points, where relay teams can tag out, distanced every 6-7 miles.



6-Mile Run Portion:

Participants must run on the right side of the road, until otherwise indicated, to avoid conflict with bikers.

There will be a check out point at the three-mile marker where relay teams can tag out.

2-Mile Raft Portion:

All four rafters must check in at the checkpoint, where the raft, life jackets and paddles will be issued.

Rafters must remain in the raft during the course. No swimming.

Participants must wear shoes.

Sabotaging other teams' rafts or interfering with their progress will lead to disqualification.

After rafting, the team must carry the raft to the road, where they can then run with it to the finish line. The road to the finish line is tough.



Team Vehicle Rules:

Each team is allowed only one team vehicle.

Each motorist must also have a cell phone in the vehicle.

Vehicles are not allowed on the road prior to the rafting portion. This is to alleviate congestion on the narrow road during the bike and run.

Teams should pack extra water and food for team members.

For more information, call Sharon Rector at 652-6508.



RANDOLPH FOOTBALL HISTORY

Randolph Ramblers fight against Rice Owls



Randolph
Ramblers
1943

As military manpower requirements of the war in 1943 drained college campuses and professional sports clubs of their best players, military base-level sports picked up top quality athletes. One result was that the Randolph Field intramural sports program became a performance powerhouse that received national attention. This series of game reviews by 12th Flying Training Wing historian Lane Bourgeois tracks the Randolph Ramblers game by game through the 1943 season.

Game 2- Sept. 25, 1943 Randolph Ramblers at Rice Institute (6-0)

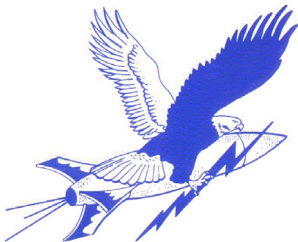
The Randolph Ramblers traveled to Houston to meet the Rice Institute Owls on Sept. 25, 1943. The Saturday night game was a

defensive struggle with Randolph keeping the Owls perched during the entire first quarter. The Owls did finally manage to light on Randolph territory by the second quarter, but were unsuccessful in their attempts to get over the end zone. Randolph kept applying pressure offensively, but outstanding kicking by Buckly Sheffield of the Owls helped them "escape several tight spots," as the Owls kept a watchful eye on the Ramblers.

The Ramblers finally scored in the fourth quarter, when All American quarterback Glen Dobbs threw a touchdown pass from the Rice 15 to Blain Crowther. The extra point try was no good. The Owls proved a formidable opponent, but Randolph managed to win this defensive thriller.

In the coming years, the Owls, coached by the legendary Jess Neely, would become number 10 in the nation.

Cole Cougars defeat Randolph Ro-Hawks 31-7



Coming off of a big win over Ingram last week, the Randolph Ro-Hawks knew their game against the Cole Cougars Sept. 15 wouldn't be easy. The Cougars dominated the first quarter of the game, scoring two touchdowns and ending it with a completed two-point conversion. The Cougars were successful again on the one-yard line in the

second quarter, scoring its third touchdown and the field goal was good. The Cougars closed out the first half with a 21-0 advantage. The opposition continued its scoring run into the third quarter with a three-point field goal followed by another touchdown with field goal making the score 31-0.

The Ro-Hawks finally changed its running game to a passing game with senior quarterback Brian Faison successfully completing a pass to junior running back Aaron Applewhite for a 50-yard touchdown late in the second half. Senior kicker Drew Conklin completed the extra point with a game-ending 31-7 Ro-Hawk lose.

Hole-in-one



Fernando Leos of the Air Force Personnel Center practices his swing at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course. Mr. Leos made a hole-in-one Sunday with a seven iron on hole three while playing a round of golf on the course. (Photo by Steve White)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fit to Fight Circuit Challenge

The fitness center hosts a Fit to Fight Circuit Challenge Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the fitness center annex, Hangar 71.

Various stations will be set up to give people a total body workout. Each exercise should take about 1-2 minutes, with the entire workout lasting no more than 30 minutes.

5K Run/10K Bike

The fitness center hosts an October Fitness Celebration with a 5-kilometer run for adults and 1.3-mile run for children Oct. 7 at 8 a.m. at Eberle Park. The run is followed by a 10-kilometer bike ride at 9 a.m. Refreshments will be provided after the race.

Columbus Day golf tournament

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts a Columbus Day golf tournament Oct. 9. Tee times for the four-person scramble tournament are from 7-9 a.m. The entry fee is \$10, which does not include cart and green fees.

To sign up, call 652-4653.

Tee times

Golfers must sign up for weekday tee times at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course at least two days in advance. Drawings are held every Thursday for weekend tee times. Groups must have at least two active duty members in their group to qualify.

To sign up, send an e-mail to tee.time@randolph.af.mil.

Fitness classes

The fitness center offers a variety of classes during the week including cycling, step aerobics, body toning, kickboxing, pilates and yoga.

For details, call 652-2955.

Story ideas needed

The Wingspread staff wants to expand its sports section and would like to highlight physically active members of Team Randolph. If you know someone who fits this description, such as a marathon runner, martial arts instructor or ultimate sports competitor, please send an e-mail to wingspread@randolph.af.mil.